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The Honorable Stephanie A. Gallagher
United States District Judge
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: United States v. Matthew Hightower
Crim. No. SAG-23-186

Dear Judge Gallagher:

We hereby notify the Court and defense counsel that we have been authorized and directed by the Attorney General not to seek the death penalty on any counts in the Indictment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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